

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): An apparatus for severing profile pieces of an extruded profile strand ~~(1)~~ moved in its longitudinal extension, comprising a carriage ~~(3)~~ which is movable along the profile strand ~~(1)~~ and comprises a severing device with a saw blade ~~(7)~~ and at least two clamping jaws ~~(5, 6)~~ for holding in a non-displaceable manner the carriage ~~(3)~~ on the profile strand ~~(1)~~, and comprising a control device ~~(13)~~ connected with the clamping jaws ~~(5, 6)~~ and the severing device, which control device triggers the clamping jaws ~~(5, 6)~~ and the severing device depending on a predetermined length of the profile piece, wherein the severing device is associated with a knife ~~(8)~~ which can be moved transversally to the longitudinal extension of the profile strand ~~(1)~~, and that the control device ~~(13)~~ comprises a selector circuit ~~(16)~~ for optionally severing the profile piece with the saw blade ~~(7)~~ or the knife ~~(8)~~.

Claim 2 (Currently Amended): An apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the knife is laterally offset relative to the sawing plane of the saw blade ~~(7)~~ and at least the saw blade

~~(7)~~ and the knife ~~(8)~~ are encompassed by a common housing ~~(17)~~ fastened to the carriage ~~(3)~~.

Claim 3 (Currently Amended): An apparatus according to claim ~~1~~ 2, wherein the control device ~~(13)~~ considers a corrective value ~~(18)~~ based on the distance between the saw blade ~~(7)~~ and the knife ~~(8)~~ depending on the selector circuit when triggering the clamping jaws ~~(5, 6)~~ and the severing device.

Claim 4 (Currently Amended): An apparatus according to claim 3, wherein an input device ~~(20)~~ for reading in the corrective value ~~(18)~~ is connected with a memory ~~(19)~~ of the apparatus, and that the control device ~~(13)~~ reads out the corrective value ~~(18)~~ from the memory ~~(19)~~ depending on the selector circuit ~~(16)~~.

Claim 5 (Currently Amended): An apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the knife ~~(8)~~ consists of a knife disk ~~(21)~~ which is rotatably held about an axis ~~(22)~~ parallel to the longitudinal extension of the profile strand ~~(1)~~.